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A report on the following Soviet warships sighted in the port of Poti

1. One probable RIGA-class escort vessel,
2. Two unidentified minesweepers,

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The report also includes the sighting of a large submarine and fragmentary information on port construction.

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RUSSIAN WARSHIPS AT POTI

The following Russian warships were seen in the Naval Basin at POTI

2. (One destroyer)

Naval Basin, POTI

Entering POTI

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Good visibility

Restricted due to presence of security police

One naked squat funnel

Estimated at 300 ft.

One tripod mast forward of the funnel and aft of the bridge

High bow, flush decked

2 approximately 4" turrets forward, one approximately 4" aft.

Torpedo tubes aft of funnel

Flying small Russian naval ensign

3. (Two minesweepers)

One funnel set well aft

three undergoing refit

One tripod mast rising from the bridge

Break under the bridge

One 4" turret forward, one 4" turret just abaft funnel

Fitted for minesweeping

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Ski pole and one unidentified

Flying Russian naval ensign

4. One large submarine was seen

5. A new pier or breakwater is under construction, the first part running approximately due north from the western end of the North Mole, the second part running approximately SSE from the western end of the North Breakwater towards the first part, but leaving entry between the two.

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